

MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE, FISHERIES, AND PARKS  
DIVISION OF ENFORCEMENT, WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES  
POST OFFICE BOX 451  
JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI 39205

PUBLIC NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE NUMBER W10 3694(I)

TO: The Honorable Delbert Hosemann  
Secretary of State  
Post Office Box 136  
Jackson, MS 39205  
AND  
ALL INTERESTED PERSONS

The Mississippi Commission on Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks, at a meeting in Jackson, Mississippi on March 16, 2011, under authority of Section 25-43-3.103, Mississippi Code of 1972, made known its intent to adopt the following wildlife management area regulations. This was done under authority of Sections 49-5-13, Mississippi Code of 1972.

**Be it ordered that Public Notice Number W9 3694 is hereby repealed, and the following wildlife management area hunting regulations are adopted.**

**Regulations for  
Muscadine Farms Wildlife Management Area**

**Muscadine Farms Tract  
Washington County**

SPECIES	SEASON	COMMENTS
SEPTEMBER TEAL - PERMIT ONLY	See Federal Regulations.	See SEPTEMBER TEAL HUNTING PERMITS in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.
WATERFOWL - PERMIT ONLY - Except for youth waterfowl hunts and the post season Light Goose Conservation Order.	See Federal Regulations.	See WATERFOWL HUNTING PERMITS in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.
POST SEASON LIGHT GOOSE CONSERVATION ORDER	Open after waterfowl season. See Federal Regulations.	
WATERFOWL YOUTH HUNT	Open concurrent with statewide season.	

OTHER MIGRATORY GAME BIRDS      See Federal Regulations.      See OTHER MIGRATORY GAME BIRDS in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.

TRAPPING Feb. 1- Feb. 28

**OTHER MIGRATORY GAME BIRDS:** All other migratory game birds may be hunted in assigned units while on permitted waterfowl hunts during the legal season for the species. Doves may be hunted during the first statewide split on the Muscadine Farms Tract, After the regular waterfowl season, migratory game birds may be hunted daily on the WMA during the legal season for those species.

**NO OTHER SEASON** shall be open and no other animals shall be hunted or disturbed.

# Washington and Po-Lutken Tracts

## Washington County

SPECIES	SEASON	COMMENTS
RABBIT	Saturday nearest Oct.15 - Feb.28	
RACCOON	Jul. 1 - Sep. 30	Friday and Saturday nights only.
RACCOON, OPOSSUM & BOBCAT	Oct.1 - Feb. 28	
QUAIL	Thanksgiving Day through the first Saturday in March.	
WOODCOCK	See Federal Regulations.	

**NO OTHER SEASON** shall be open and no other animals shall be hunted or disturbed.

## SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS

**WMA USER PERMIT:** All persons using this wildlife management area, except those exempt from purchasing an annual hunting or fishing license, must carry on their person an annual statewide Wildlife Management Area User Permit. This permit is required in addition to the daily visitor use permit and any required license and may be purchased wherever licenses are sold.

**BAG LIMITS:** Same as statewide bag limits.

**LEGAL SHOT:** Only non-toxic shot may be used for hunting migratory game birds on this area.

**PERMIT STATIONS:** All visitors must obtain a DAILY VISITOR USE PERMIT card from a self-service permit station. Parts A and B of this permit must be legibly filled out before using the WMA. Part A of the permit must be deposited in the return box at a permit station before using the WMA. Part B must be displayed on the dash of the vehicle so that the name, address, and date are visible from outside the vehicle. Permits are invalid if not properly dated or if date has been changed. Before leaving the WMA, visitors must complete the reverse side of Part B of the permit and deposit it in the return box at a permit station. It is the responsibility of the Area Manager and other Agency personnel to have permit cards completed.

**SEPTEMBER TEAL HUNTING PERMITS:** September teal hunting is allowed by special permit only. You may apply online at [www.mdwfp.com](http://www.mdwfp.com). See application for hunt dates, application deadlines, and other information about permitted hunts.

**WATERFOWL HUNTING PERMITS:** All waterfowl hunts, except for the waterfowl youth hunts and the post season light goose conservation order, are draw hunts only. You may apply online at [www.mdwfp.com](http://www.mdwfp.com). See application for hunt dates, application deadlines, and other information about permitted hunts.

**WILD HOGS:** Wild hogs are classified as nuisance animals and hunters are encouraged to kill them at every lawful opportunity. The opportunity to kill hogs on WMAs is provided only for population control purposes and not for sport. Wild hogs may be killed during daylight hours during any open WMA hunting season with weapons and ammunition legal for that season. Trapping (including snaring) of hogs is prohibited. Moving or transporting live hogs is prohibited.

**DOG RESTRICTIONS:** Retrievers are allowed during migratory bird hunts on Muscadine Farms Tract. All other dogs are prohibited on Muscadine Farms Tract. On Washington and Po-Lutken Tracts, small game hunting with dogs is allowed during any small game season. Hunting, running, or pursuing hogs with the use of dogs is prohibited.

**OFF-ROAD MOTORIZED VEHICLES/ATVs:** Off-road motorized vehicles/ATVs prohibited. No vehicles allowed on levees.

**HORSES:** No horses allowed.

**CAMPING:** No camping allowed.

**SHOOTING HOURS:** Shooting hours **for waterfowl** end at 12:00 noon. Waterfowl hunters must check-out by 1:00 pm. For first season dove hunting shooting hours are from 2:00 pm until sunset. All other migratory bird shooting hours are the same as statewide seasons.

**BEARS:** Black bears may occur on this WMA. They are federally protected as a threatened subspecies. Hunting or disturbing bears is prohibited. Please report any bear sightings on your daily visitor use permit.

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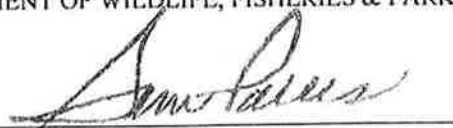
**CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 36**, will be enforced. For additional information, contact the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers at (601) 631-5000.

Anyone wishing to comment on the above proposed action may do so in writing to the Executive Director, Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks, P. O. Box 451, Jackson, MS 39205, no later than April 25, 2011.

MISSISSIPPI COMMISSION ON WILDLIFE, FISHERIES & PARKS

BY:   
Charles Rigdon, Chairman

MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE, FISHERIES & PARKS

BY:   
Sam Polles, Ph.D., Executive Director

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~~2010-11~~  
wildlife management area hunting regulations are adopted.**

**~~2010-2011~~ Regulations for  
Muscadine Farms Wildlife Management Area**

**Muscadine Farms Tract  
Washington County**

SPECIES	<del>SEASON</del> <del>OPENING DATE</del>	<del>CLOSING</del> <del>DATE</del>	COMMENTS
SEPTEMBER TEAL - PERMIT ONLY	See Federal Regulations.		See SEPTEMBER TEAL HUNTING PERMITS in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.
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HUNT	season.	
OTHER MIGRATORY GAME BIRDS	See Federal Regulations.	See OTHER MIGRATORY GAME BIRDS in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.
TRAPPING	<del>Feb. 1</del>	Feb. 1- Feb. 28

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**Washington and Po-Lutken Tracts  
Washington County**

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RABBIT	<del>Oct. 16</del>	<u>Saturday nearest Oct. 15 - Feb. 28</u>	
RACCOON	<del>Jul. 2</del>	<u>Jul. 1 - Sep. 30</u> 25	Friday and Saturday nights only.
RACCOON, OPOSSUM & BOBCAT	<del>Oct. 1</del>	<u>Oct. 1 - Feb. 28</u>	
TRAPPING	<del>Nov. 1</del>	<del>Feb. 28</del>	
QUAIL	<del>Nov. 26</del>	<u>Thanksgiving Day through the first Saturday in March.</u> <del>Mar. 6</del>	
WOODCOCK	See Federal Regulations.		

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**SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS FOR MUSCADINE FARMS WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA  
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Management Area User Permit. This permit is required in addition to the daily visitor use permit and any required license and may be purchased wherever licenses are sold.

**BAG LIMITS:** Same as statewide bag limits.

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**SEPTEMBER TEAL HUNTING PERMITS:** September teal hunting is allowed by special permit only. You may apply online at www.mdwfp.com. ~~See www.mdwfp.com. Only one application per hunter will be accepted. Hunters may apply for hunt dates, application deadlines, and other information about permitted September teal hunts on no more than 3 WMAs statewide during the 2010-11 season. Completed applications must be received by Aug. 15, 2010 to be eligible for drawing. Hunters who provide an e-mail address will be notified by e-mail if drawn.~~

**WATERFOWL HUNTING PERMITS:** All waterfowl hunts, except for the waterfowl youth hunts and the post season light goose conservation order, are draw hunts only. You may apply online at www.mdwfp.com. See application for hunt dates, application deadlines, and other information about permitted hunts. ~~www.mdwfp.com. Only one application per hunter will be accepted. Hunters may apply for permitted waterfowl hunts on no more than 3 WMAs statewide during the 2010-11 season. Completed applications must be received by Nov. 1, 2010 to be eligible for drawing.~~

**WILD HOGS:** ~~Wild hogs~~ **WATERFOWL DRAW HUNTING PROCEDURES:** ~~Hunt days are classified as nuisance animals Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays, and hunters Sundays. Six reservation positions are encouraged to kill them at every lawful opportunity. The opportunity to kill hogs on WMAs is provided only allocated for population control purposes and not for sport. Wild hogs may be killed during daylight hours during any open WMA hunting each day before the season with weapons starts. Reservations on Tuesdays and Thursdays are for a 1-day hunt and ammunition legal reservations for Saturdays and Sundays are for a 2-day hunt. Reservation holders draw numbers first from numbered dowels that season. Trapping (including snaring) represent the number of hogs is prohibited. Moving or transporting live hogs is prohibited. available hunting positions. After reservation holders draw, dowels are added until there are enough dowels for all standby parties to draw. All hunters then select their positions starting with the lowest number first. Draws will be conducted at 5:00 AM. If reservation holders fail to check in by 5:00am, they risk losing their spot to another hunting party if all hunting positions are filled. A total party of 4 hunters per hunt unit is allowed.~~

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~~This adopted public notice will become effective \_\_\_\_\_.~~ Witness my  
hand and seal this the 19<sup>th</sup> day of May 2010.

BY: Charles Rigdon~~Bryan Jones~~, Chairman

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Sam Polles, Ph.D., Executive Director

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